Roads in Uttar Pradesh

1027. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and programmes which have been formulated during the Tenth Fiver Year Plan for development and expansion of roads in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that vavious Roads/National Highways of U.P. are in deteriorating conditions; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) During Tenth Five Year Plan, various schemes like widening to two/four lanes, strengthening, improvement of riding quality, construction of major/minor bridges, bypasses and road safety works are proposed to be taken up on National Highways other than those included in National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in the State of Uttar Pradesh. During the current year so far (upto October, 2002) projects amounting to Rs. 77 crores have been sanctioned for strengthening (25 Kms.), improvement of riding quality (270 Kms.) and some miscellaneous works like drains and culverts. Besides, under NHDP four laning of 1626 Kms. of National Highways is envisaged by December, 2007, out of which 129 Kms. were completed upto March, 2002.

(b) and (c) Maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh are generally being maintained in traffic worthy condition subject to availability of funds.

National Highway Development Project

1028. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highway No. 31 under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP), the East-West Corridors (Phase-II) whose targeted year of completion is 2007 (advanced from 2009) is witnessing worstever condition due to frequent flood havoc;